

*On the Foraminifera of the Vienna Tertiary Basin.*

M. F. Karrer has examined the Foraminifera of the Vienna Tertiary Basin with respect to the differences stated by Messrs. Forbes and Godwin-Austen ('Nat. History of the European Seas,' 1859, p. 135, &c.) to exist between the forms of this class at present living in the Mediterranean, as to whether they inhabit greater or less depths. Nearly all the marine deposits within the Vienna Basin may be considered as contemporaneous as far as the Foraminifera are concerned; for the species occurring in them present no more differences than what are found to exist between the forms at present inhabiting different depths of the Mediterranean. The Foraminifera fossil in the blue plastic clay (generally known as the "Baden Tegel") are analogous to those at present living at considerable depths.—*Vienna Imp. Acad. of Sciences, Meeting July 4, 1861.*

*The Gorilla.*

The Rev. A. Busnell a resident missionary in the Gorilla country, observes, "The Gorillas are found on the south side of the river, and some thirteen or fourteen years ago, were first brought to notice by Dr. Wilson, one of our missionaries; and, soon after, we owned a live young one, which ran about the station; and *we have frequently purchased* from the natives full-grown ones, within twelve hours after their being killed in the forest, for about a pound's worth of goods. These we dissected, and forwarded to colleges and museums in the United States."—'*Good Words,*' edited by NORMAN MACLEOD, Nov. 1, 1861, p. 624.

*Obituary Notice of GEORGE BARLEE, Esq.*

Another member of the band of working naturalists has passed away, but not without leaving many memorials of his scientific labours. Although Mr. Barlee seldom wrote for publication, the services he rendered to the cause of science will not be the less appreciated by posterity. For many years his indefatigable zeal and energy in the investigation of our native fauna have been well known to all who have been engaged in this fascinating pursuit; and every branch has been enriched by his numerous discoveries. His liberality was worthy of his scientific repute, and it was experienced by all who had any communication with him. The writer of this, who enjoyed his friendship during all the time that the deceased followed the pursuit of natural history, and who was his companion or partner in nearly every one of the annual excursions which he took for this purpose, feels some consolation in the reflection that not the slightest misunderstanding ever existed between them. Mr. Barlee commenced his career as a naturalist about eighteen years ago, when he had passed the prime of life. He had up to that time practised as a solicitor in his native town, Yoxford, in Suffolk, which profession and place, however, he quitted in consequence of the death of his only child (a son), whom he lost at an early age. Mr. Barlee died at Exmouth, on the 19th of November, in his 68th year.—J. G. J., Nov. 26, 1861.